

Amendments to the Claims:

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26 (new). A method of providing subscribers with communication services in accordance with their agreements with a service provider, the method comprises:

determining a first plurality of subscribers to be connected to the service provider via a distribution unit located in an access network;

determining an advanced broadband technology to be produced by the distribution unit as a minimal default technology (DABT);

in the distribution unit, arranging a second plurality of substantially uniform communication devices for serving the first plurality of subscribers, and providing for each of said subscribers, irrespective of its individual agreement reached with the service provider, an individual communication link for supplying, from one of the communication devices, broadband communication services by using said DABT or a more advanced broadband technology, and enabling each of the plurality of subscribers to receive services in accordance with their respective agreements with the service provider.

27 (New). The method according to Claim 26, wherein said DABT is VDSL (Very high data rate Digital Subscriber Line).

28 (New). The method according to Claim 26, wherein at least one of the subscribers is entitled to narrowband services only.

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29 (New). The method according to Claim 26, further comprising preventing the use, by a particular subscriber, of communication services not included in the agreement between said particular subscriber and the service provider.

30 (New). A method of providing a narrowband subscriber with communication services in a converged broadband and narrowband communications access network, the method comprises establishing for said narrowband subscriber a communication link capable of carrying broadband communication services, while preventing the use by said subscriber of all communication services not included in an agreement between said subscriber and a service provider.

31 (New). The method according to Claim 30, wherein said communication link is being established between the narrowband subscriber and a communication device installed in a distribution unit and supporting said broadband communication services.

32 (New). The method according to Claim 29 or 30, wherein said preventing is performed by remotely configuring the communication device located at the distribution unit and associated with said particular subscriber, where the configuration is carried out from a Local Exchange connected to the distribution unit.

33 (New). The method according to Claim 29 or 30, wherein said preventing is performed by providing at least one of the subscribers with a Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) unit specifically configured to provide only services in accordance with the subscriber's agreement with the service provider.

34 (New). The method according to Claim 32, further comprising a step of reconfiguring according to an updated subscriber's agreement with the service provider.

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35 (New). A communication service distribution unit for use in a converged broadband and narrowband access network, comprising a first plurality of substantially uniform communication devices for serving a second plurality of subscribers associated with the distribution unit, wherein each of said communication devices being adapted to provide to its corresponding subscriber either a technologically advanced broadband communication service as a minimal default communication service, or a more advanced broadband communication service via an individual communication link, and wherein said subscribers include at least one narrowband subscriber.

36 (New). The distribution unit according to Claim 35, adapted to provide a more technologically advanced communication service to a limited number of the subscribers.

37 (New). The distribution unit according to Claim 35, wherein said broadband communication service is a technologically advanced type of communication service selected from a non-exhaustive list comprising: ADSL (Asymmetrical Digital Subscriber Line), VDSL (Very high data rate DSL), SHDSL (Single line High bit-rate DSL).

38 (New). The distribution unit according to Claim 35, comprising a plurality of communication devices capable of providing one and the same technologically advanced broadband communication service to all broadband and narrowband subscribers associated with the unit.

39 (New). A service filtering means operative to derive, from a technologically advanced broadband communication service reserved for a particular subscriber at a distribution unit in an access network, only communication services agreed between said particular subscriber and a service provider.

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40 (New). The service filtering means according to Claim 39, being configurable.

41 (New). The service filtering means according to Claim 40, remotely configurable and associated with a communication device providing said broadband communication service at the distribution unit.

42 (New). The service filtering means according to Claim 39, comprising a Customer's Premises Equipment (CPE) unit for use in said subscriber's premises.

43 (New). The distribution unit according to Claim 35, comprising a service filtering means operative to derive, from the technologically advanced broadband communication service reserved for a particular subscriber at the distribution unit, only communication services agreed between said particular subscriber and a service provider.

44 (New). A system for providing broadband and narrowband subscribers with communication services in accordance with their agreements with a service provider, the system comprises a distribution unit accommodating at least one communication device operative to provide a broadband communication service and connected to a narrowband subscriber via an individual communication link and via a service filtering means; the service filtering means being operative to prevent the use by the narrowband subscriber of communication services not included in an agreement between said narrowband subscriber and the service provider.